

College Station to Celebrate 75th Anniversary

College Station, Texas was designated by the U.S. Postal Service in 1877. The name was derived from the train station located near Texas A&M University campus. On Oct. 19, 1938, citizens voted 217 to 39 to incorporate the City of College Station. The first City Council meeting was held on Feb. 25, 1939.

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The City of College Station will recognize its 75th anniversary with an exhibit at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum from Oct. 21 to Jan. 4. Titled "College Station: A Community History," the exhibit features local memorabilia, artifacts and stories that capture the unique history of College Station, Texas, from the time leading up to its incorporation in 1938 to today.

Displayed items are grouped into various segments that highlight legacy families, homes, schools, businesses, media and government in College Station during its growth from an outlying rural area to a city of almost 100,000 in population. Among the many items proposed for display include:

* An original playbook and championship ring owned by the late Manning Smith, assistant coach of the 1939



(Above) College Station's first City Council members

National Champion Texas A&M University football team. Smith and his descendants have lived in College Station since its incorporation.

* Four aluminum propeller blades from the Enola Gay B-29 bomber used during the atomic bomb drop on Hiroshima, Japan, during World War II. These items currently reside at the Oran W. Nicks Low Speed Wind Tunnel and were used to operate the tunnel shortly after the war.

* FREDDIE the Robot. Purchased in the late 1970s, FREDDIE, College Station Police Department's robot mascot, helped police officers teach local children about safety. FREDDIE is a symbol of the city's commitment to community policing and a remnant of our 20th-century love of robots.

The George Bush Presidential Library and Museum will offer

free public admission to the city exhibit Nov. 16-17.

Visitors and residents are also welcome to join in celebrating College Station's heritage with a series of other related events in November, including:

Classic Film Series

Thursday, Nov. 14 -----

The George Bush Presidential Library and Museum's classic film series presents "We've Never Been Licked," a 1943 film produced by Walter Wanger. Parts of the film were shot at the Texas A&M University campus and reference many school traditions. Refreshments will be available at 6 p.m., and the show begins at 7 p.m. in the Annenberg Presidential Conference Center's Hagler Auditorium. This event is free to the public.

Homecoming Event

Friday, Nov. 15 -----

College Station's A&M

Consolidated High School alumni groups will host a reunion dinner and evening activities at Southwood Community Center in Brian Bachmann Community Park. This event is open to the public; however, seats are limited. Please contact Linda Harvell at 979-703-5305 or lindaharvell@aol.com for ticket prices and details.

Community Celebration

Saturday, Nov. 16 -----

The Community Celebration event at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum features free public admission to the city exhibit, locomotive displays provided by title sponsor Union Pacific, vintage car displays, community storytelling and other family-friendly activities.

For information about historic preservation or other heritage programs in College Station, visit cstx.gov/heritage or email heritageprogram@cstx.gov.



QUICK LINKS

Historic Preservation
cstx.gov/heritage

National Night Out

Oct. 1 -----

Join the College Station Police Department and other Brazos County law enforcement agencies for National Night Out on the evening of Tuesday, Oct. 1. The goal of National Night Out is to heighten awareness of crime prevention, to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

All residents are encouraged to step outside to mingle with their neighbors and to visit with local law enforcement officers, who will be stopping at neighborhood block parties throughout the evening.

Interested in organizing a block party for your neighborhood? Contact Officer Ryan Clements at rclements@cstx.gov or 979.764.3579.

National Fire Prevention Week

Oct. 6-12 -----

The College Station Fire Department is helping spread the word about the dangers of kitchen fires and how to prevent them from starting in the first place. According to the latest National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) research, cooking is the leading cause of home fires. Here are some simple tips you can follow to prevent kitchen fires:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling or boiling food.
- When you are simmering, baking or roasting food, check it regularly and use a timer to remind you.
- If you have young children, use the stove's back burners whenever possible. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove.
- Keep potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper and plastic bags, towels, and anything else that can burn, away from your stovetop.

SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

The College Station Fire Department has been awarded a grant from FEMA to provide and install smoke alarms for College Station residents who are either financially or physically unable to install the alarms themselves. If you have concerns regarding smoke alarms in your home, please call CSFD at 979.764.3705 or visit cstx.gov/fire.

For more information about National Fire Prevention Week, visit fpw.org.

Warrant Amnesty & Roundup

Oct. 21-Nov. 17 -----

Have a warrant? Be sure to pay it off during the warrant amnesty period that is scheduled for Oct. 21-Nov. 8. Warrant amnesty allows citizens with outstanding warrants to avoid paying the \$50 per case warrant fee if fines are paid in full. The City of College Station accepts cash, cashier's check, credit cards, money orders, and personal checks. Outstanding warrants cannot be paid via College Station's online citation payment system. Those who do not pay their fines will be arrested during the warrant roundup, Nov. 9-17.

To determine if you have an unpaid citation, visit cstx.gov/warrants. For more information, call 979.764.3683.

Bicycling Essentials Course

Sept. 28, Oct. 5, Oct. 12 -----

The City of College Station is offering a Bicycling Essentials Course to give cyclists the confidence they need to ride safely and legally in traffic or on the trail. The one-day course will teach participants how to conduct bicycle safety checks, fix a flat, on-bike skills, crash avoidance techniques and more.

The course will be held on Sept. 28, Oct. 5 and Oct. 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Texas A&M University's Transit Building, located at 444 Agronomy Road. Anyone over the age of 14 can participate. A bicycle and helmet is required. Course fee is \$20 per person.

Learn more at cstx.gov/bikepedgreenways or call 979.764.3674.

Movies in the Park

Oct. 25, Dec. 6 -----

Enjoy free, family-friendly movies this fall, brought to you by the City of College Station and Maroon Weekly.

Oct. 25: The Goonies
Dec. 6: The Santa Clause

Admission is free. Gates open at 7:30 p.m. and the movie begins at 8:30 p.m. Guests may bring their own refreshments. Coolers must be 48 quarts or smaller. Alcohol, glass containers and pets are not allowed.

Concessions will be available for purchase. For more information, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 979.764.3486.

EVENTS

October-November

Important Election Dates

Mayor and Place 2, both at-large positions, are up for three-year terms in Nov. 5 general election. Oct. 7 is last day to submit voter registration application to Brazos County Voter Registrar. Oct. 21-Nov. 1 is Early Voting. Nov. 5 is Election Day, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. cstx.gov/elections, 979.764.3541

Oct. 5 | Household Hazardous Waste Collection, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. cstx.gov/hhw, 979.764.3832

Oct. 5 | Wiener Fest, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. aggielandhumane.org, 979.775.5755

Oct. 16 | Exploring History Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., topic: first women accepted to Texas A&M Univ. mrodgers@cstx.gov, 979.764.6351

Oct. 24 - Lincoln Recreation Center's Fall Festival & Haunted House, 5:30-8:30 p.m. cstx.gov/lincolncenter, 979.764.3779

Oct. 28-Nov. 15 | Register for Winter Youth Basketball ages 6-16. cstx.gov/sports, 979.764.3486

Oct. 30 & 31 | "Halloween on 19" classic horror movies shown 24/7 on Suddenlink Channel 19. cstx.gov/boo, 979.764.3445

Nov. 14 | Exploring History Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., topic: a tribute to military veterans mrodgers@cstx.gov, 979.764.6351

Nov. 15 & 16 | Brazos Valley Worldfest brazosvalleyworldfest.org, 979.845.4016

Nov. 28 & 29 | City offices closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

For more events, visit:
cstx.gov/calendar